



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Jean-Luc CHAMBRIN et al.
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For: METHOD FOR LIMITING THE MAINTENANCE
LOADS APPLIED TO A FUEL ASSEMBLY OF A
NUCLEAR REACTOR AND FUEL ASSEMBLY
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 8, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.